

Krugman on the economic costs of the blockade

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I don't think Krugman's analogy to import quotas really works. For the most part, trade can still be re-routed to avoid the blockades, so the quantity isn't limited per se. It's more that the blockades are increasing the cost of transportation by forcing trucks to take detours. So, I would think that it is more like an increase in marginal cost or an inward shift in the supply curve. If thought about in this way, I suspect the deadweight loss would be smaller than the numbers Krugman has.

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